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SUBJ: KING'S MESSAGE TO THE ARMED FORCES

1. SHORTLY AFTER HIS SWEARING IN, THE KING DIRECTED
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIS ARMED FORCES:

2. QTE IN THIS MOMENT IN WHICH I ASSUME THE SUPREME COMMAND
OF THE ARMED FORCES I ADDRESS ALL OF YOU WITH PROFOUND
EXPECTATION AND WITH WELL-FOUNDED HOPES.

YOU ARE THE HOLDERS OF THE MOST HIGH IDEALS OF THE
FATHERLAND AND THE SAFEGUARD AND GUARANTEE OF THE FULFILLMENT
OF ALL THAT IS ESTABLISHED IN OUR FUNDAMENTAL LAWS,
FAITHFUL REFLECTION OF THE WILL OF OUR PEOPLE.

I EXPRESS MY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND GRATITUDE TO OUR
GENERALISSIMO FRANCO, WHO WITH SUCH DEDICATION AND
SELFLESSNESS HAS COMMANDED YOU UNTIL NOW, GIVING US
AN UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF LOVE OF SPAIN AND OF A SENSE OF
RESPONSIBILITY.

MY HEARTFELT THANKS GO TODAY TO THE FORCES STATIONED
IN AFRICA, THOSE WHO BY THEIR PATRIOTISM, DISCIPLINE
AND SELFLESSNESS ARE MAKING THEMSELVES OF THE GRATITUDE
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OF ALL SPANIARDS.

WE OUGHT TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH SERENE TRANQUILITY,
SINCE WE HAVE REACHED A HIGH LEVEL OF POLITICAL MATURITY
AND THERE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WHAT OUR PEOPLE,AND ONLY
THEY, DESIRE.

SPAIN TRUSTS FULLY IN ITS ARMED FORCES.

I KNOW THAT YOU HOLD A HIGH CONCEPT OF LOVE OF THE
FATHERLAND, AND THAT YOU WILL NOT SPARE YOUR EFFORTS TO
ACHIEVE A BETTER SPAIN.

I WISH TO RENEW TODAY MY OATH OF FIDELITY TO OUR FLAG,
SYMBOL OF THE VIRTUES OF OUR RACE, AND TO PROMISE YOU
ONCE AGAIN TO SERVE IT AND TO DEFEND IT AT WHATEVER PRICE
AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF THE FATHERLAND.

TO COMMAND IS TO SERVE, AND I WISH IN COMMAND
TO BE UNITED TO YOU.

I KNOW THAT YOU WILL FULFILL YOUR DUTY AS YOU HAVE
ALWAYS DONE.

AS A SPANIARD, AS A SOLDIER AND AS KING, I FEEL PROUD
TO COUNT WITH YOUR ADHERENCE AND YOUR
LOYALTY. I AM
CERTAIN THAT, WORKING ALL UNITED, WE WILL ACHIEVE THAT
WHICH SPAIN DESERVES BY IMPERATIVE OF HISTORY AND
ITS ROLE IN THE WORLD OF TODAY. VIVA ESPANA. UNQTE

3. COMMENT: THIS MESSAGE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN WELL
RECEIVED WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES, PARTICULARLY IN THE
SAHARA. THE KING IS DOING HIS BEST TO ASSURE THAT
THE SPANISH MILITARY WILL BEWITH HIM IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
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